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aye; opposed, nay. The motion before the body is the confirmation report offered by the Natural Resources Committee. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal pages 388-389.) 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the confirmation report.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The report has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, next report.

CLERK: Mr. President, second report by the Natural Resources Committee, chaired by Senator Schrock. It reports on the appointment of Donald Kohtz, K-o-h-t-z, to the Nebraska Power Review Board.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open on your second report.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I do commend the Clerk for his pronunciation of these names. That's very correct, Mr. O'Donnell. Don Kohtz appeared before the committee on January 26. Don is a new appointment to the board, and is the attorney representative on the board. Don is a graduate of Wayne State and the University of Nebraska Law College. He is an attorney with the Central States Health and Life Company in Omaha. He previously has worked for the Department of Insurance's insurance fraud prevention division, and the Attorney General's Office. Don is on the board of directors of the Nebraska Crime Stoppers, and the Heartland Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. The vote by the committee was unanimous, and I recommend his confirmation to the full body.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You've heard the opening on the report offered by the Natural Resources Committee. Open for discussion on that report. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. As Senator Schrock pointed out, the Power Review Board has five members appointed by the Governor to serve four-year terms, and the